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SUBJ : MEDIUM-SHORT RANGE AIRCRAFT FOR GULF AIR

1. CIVAIR DIRECTOR TOLD EMBOFF THAT AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 11 COMMITTEE REJECTED GULF AIR MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL BAC-111 AIRCRAFT. DECISION REPORTEDLY MADE BECAUSE OF CONSTANT MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS. GULF WILL NOW LEASE ONE ADDITIONAL BAC-111 UNTIL FINAL DECISION MADE ON MEDIUM-SHORT RANGE AIRCRAFT. DIRECTOR NOTED THAT BOEING SEEMED BE CONSENSUS OF MEETING; QATAR AND OMAN FOR 727, BAHRAIN FOR 737 (UAE DID NOT ATTEND). MCDONNEL DOUGLAS DC-9 WAS NOT EVEN DISCUSSED. DIRECTOR FORESEES EVENTUAL FLEET USING ONLY TWO TYPES OF AIRCRAFT, I.E., TRISTARS AND A MEDIUM-SHORT RANGE TWIN OR TRI-JET. HE CONFIRMED THAT IN MEANTIME GULF WILL PURCHASE FIFTH VC-10 TO PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE OF PRESENT ROUTES WITHOUT HAVING TO RESORT TO WET-LEASING WHEN MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS ARISE.

2. COMMENT: DECISION WILL NOT BE FINAL UNTIL ACTED ON BY
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GULF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, POSSIBLY LATER THIS SUMMER. IN MEAN-

TIME, NEITHER MCDONNEL-DOUGLAS NOR BOEING SHOULD CONSIDER
PLANS PARA 1 FOREGONE CONCLUSION.
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